

REMARKS

Claims 1-9, 11-34, 46-55 are pending, with claims 1, 34, 46, and 51 being independent. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that claims 1-34 and 46-55 are allowed. Additionally, applicant thanks the Examiner for the voice message to the undersigned in which the Examiner further clarified that claim 34 has been allowed and that claim 34 should not have been listed in the rejection at paragraphs 4 and 5 of the office action.

Applicant has canceled claims 35-45, which were the only claims rejected in the pending office action. It is believed that this amendment is proper under MPEP §714.12 and 37 CFR §1.116 because this amendment places the application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests a notice to that effect.

It is believed that no fee is due in connection with this filing. Nevertheless, please apply any charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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